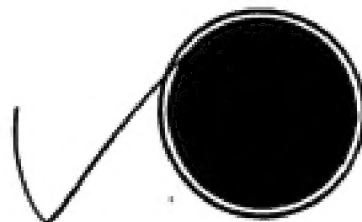


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EKHO REPORTS TO MAJ ON LIAISON WORK: IKS, RULEVOJ, KANT, YuG, VADIM (1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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14 October 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

EKHO[ii] told me:

1. He can as a rule carry out independently only tasks concerning the identification and checking of people and moreover only within the limits of TYRE [TIR][iii]. As [C% soon as] [1 group unrecovered] EKHO beyond the limits of TYRE or

[40 groups unrecoverable]

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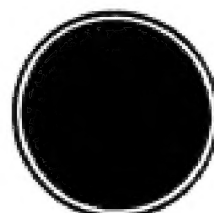
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through IKS[iv] ECHO finally went to RULEVOU[v] and told him that, as the situation was so abnormal and as he was powerless to do more than he was doing, he was thinking of going to IKS and asking to be released from work with us. Instead of objecting, which E.[ii] was counting on, R.[v] agreed.

E. emphasizes that, from the moment the reform of the organisation was effected, the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN [ZEMLYAKI][vi] have been carrying out his tasks very slowly even if this has involved only a slight risk. The leading workers do not make up

[19 groups unrecovered]

people in the group "A" line

[40 groups unrecoverable]

[32 groups unrecovered]

5. Regarding KANT[vii] (your No 4675[viii]) E. said that if we vouch for him [5 groups unrecovered] only E. and one other FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN. KANT will have to submit an application and complete questionnaires.

6. I did not know about YuG[ix] until the question of his transfer to VADIM[x] arose. [D% I] now discover that E. and YuG are the same person. Telegraph instructions before the regular meeting not later than 17 October.

No. 829

MAJ[xi]

13 October

Footnotes: [i] VIKTOR: Lt General P M FITIN.

[ii] ECHO/E.: ie "ECHO"; Bernard SCHUSTER. See also Footnote [ix].

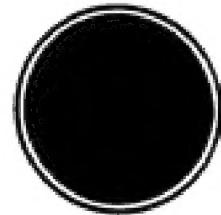
[iii] TYRE: NEW YORK CITY.

[iv] IKS: ie "X". Formerly "STUKACH", ie "INFORMER", and "DOUGLAS", ie "DOUGLAS". Joseph KATZ.

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Footnotes:
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- [v] RULEVOJ/R.: ie "PELMSHAN"; Earl BROWDER.
- [vi] FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN: Member of the Communist Party, in this case of the USA.
- [vii] KANT: Formerly "TYuLPAN", ie "TULIP". Mark ZBOROWSKI.
- [viii] Not available.
- [xi] YuG: ie "SOUTH". Single occurrence. Apparently represents Bernard SCHUSTER (Footnote [ii]). Some days later SCHUSTER's covername "EKHO" was changed to "DIK", ie "DICK" (NEW YORK's No 1512, 24 October 1944, 3/NBF/T79); but in 1945 he was again known as "EKHO" (eg NEW YORK's No 14, 4 January 1945, 3/NBF/T259).
- [x] VADIN: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, MGB Resident in WASHINGTON, DC.
- [xi] MAJ: ie "MAY"; Stepan Zakharovich APRESYan.

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